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### **A Chance to WIN Concert Tickets!!!**

Look for an announcement  
coming soon for the following  
concert tickets:

**Sam Smith**- 2 tickets available  
for **September 30, 2015**, 7:30pm,  
Gila River Arena.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Two Upcoming Meetings:** Our next neighborhood m  
take place on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Ironwood H.S.  
- 7:00p. We will have a brief presentation on the light i  
with a representative from Valley Metro and our Trans  
department. These neighborhood meetings are mostly  
sessions with all topics fair game.

My next district meeting which I'm currently holding tw  
scheduled for Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30p at Thund  
School. **Please note this is a change from Septem**  
Tentative presentation subjects by staff include overal  
transportation plan, Envision 2040 (our General Plan I  
comes before voters in August 2016), and public work  
any subject that would be interesting to you, please le

## **SOUND-OFF QUESTION.**

### **SHERWOOD'S ADVISORY GROUP**

**STILL RECRUITING-** Councilmember Sherwood is putting  
advisory board and he wants you to be a part of it! This are



Here's another sampling of the Arizona Republic's "sound-off" which runs in Saturday's Glendale community section asking West Valley elected officials to weigh in on that week's question. This one ran on August 1st.

**With the start of training camp for the Arizona Cardinals on Saturday, football season officially begins at University of Phoenix stadium. Does having the team play in Glendale help your city financially? If so, in what ways?"**

I'm going to answer this in two ways, for the 19 dates of training camp, other than the red & white practice, Westgate doesn't see much of an uptick in business nor is there an effect on the hotels in the area. However, for the exhibition and regular season games, most certainly there is added revenue generated in our restaurants and bars which adds to the city's coffers. More importantly having the Cardinals play at the U of P stadium is a plus for all of the other events that take place over the year there. A great example is the Festival Fiesta Classic Girls Volleyball tournament that brings in 272 teams from around the country plus Canada. They get to perform in a state-of-the-art football stadium where Super Bowls have been played. So yes, having the team play in Glendale is good financially for Glendale.

## ECONOMIST VIEW

Here's another blog post from national economists, Dr. Elliot Eisenberg. This is from July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Incipient Inflation

While the inflation rate is about 0%, the price of goods is falling at

mostly through emails, in which the councilmember will run the group and ask for input and opinion.

If you are interested in being part of Sherwood's Advisory (or would like more information, please email Emily Michael name, contact information, and any affiliation (business, council member, etc) at [emichael@glendaleaz.com](mailto:emichael@glendaleaz.com).

## THIS WEEK *with* COUNCILMEMBER SHERWOOD.

Greetings Sahuaro Residents-

**Contest Winners** - Congratulations to Stacey Frate & Rebecca Harris who each won a pair of tickets in the Glendale Suite at Gila River Arena to see Taylor Swift on Monday August 17th. As the Sam Smith concert was postponed until September 30<sup>th</sup> that give-away will occur to the first two callers who live in the Sahuaro District and have not won any previous tickets who call in after 8:00a on Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>.



**Tuesday's August 11<sup>th</sup> Voting Council Meeting** - Not exciting after vacating the two meetings in July. Out of 28 were of consent nature meaning that all are voted on motion, although council members asked that two of them be voted on separately for various reasons. Of significant importance these 28, one was for approval of a professional service agreement for comprehensive analysis of public safety for at a cost of \$162K. Another was for some additional improvements at our airport, funded thru ADOT. The consent agenda item to vote on was to approve a final 13 home development in the Yucca district.

**Mix & Match** - Finally, hears a few quick thoughts on items over the next couple of months. Council in early July will get a review of the five public meetings held on a diversity ordinance, in all close to 200 folks (some cars several) participated in those meetings which I thought good turn-out compared to other valley cities which entertained/passed ordinances. A decision will be made whether to go forward or not and if so, with what guidance.

-3.3%/year while services inflation is running at 2%/year. Goods are falling in price due to cheap imports, a strong dollar, excess capacity, and falling raw material prices. Services, like a haircut, cannot be imported and increases in the minimum wage impact service providers disproportionately. A string quartet can't shrink to a trio to save money.

## CITY UPDATES

### Valley Metro Releases Light Rail Economic Development Information

Valley Metro announced July 28<sup>th</sup> that the economic impact of light rail, more than \$8.2 billion in private and public capital investment has been built near the current initial 20-miles of light rail. See councilmember's comments in the following [YouTube video](#).

**Loop 101 Arrowhead Scenic Corridor** The City of Glendale Planning Commission has initiated a General Plan Amendment (GPA15-03) and a Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA15-01) to establish a Scenic Corridor on portions of the Loop 101 west of 51st Avenue in the Arrowhead Ranch area.

This topic will be discussed at a community meeting which has been scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2015, at 6 p.m. at the Arrowhead Country Club, 19888 North 73rd Avenue. As a resident / property owner / interested party / stakeholder, we would like your input on this topic. For questions related to the Scenic Corridor or the upcoming meeting, please contact Lon

Between now and early November there are council meetings planned to the Portland area, Dallas area, and another Mesa on the light rail project while the community work continues meeting (four times thus far). Glendale & P will be voting in the early part of 2016 as to which path light rail thru Glendale.

The search for a new city manager finally after six months stepped forward this week as council decided on what set to interview. A set date has not been established but likely within the next three to four weeks a decision can be made to narrow it down to a couple of finalists if not make a decision. Similarly, our acting city manager is closing in on naming a Fire Chief to replace the retired Chief Mark Burdick within the city in late May.

Even though the Arizona Coyotes have a place to play for the next two years at the Gila River Arena, the clock ticks for a new deal in place by the March/April timeframe. It is likely that staff is compiling needed background information to sit down and negotiate. This will have to be the new city manager's first priority along with many other projects that haven't had the attention this year.

Many have asked what is taking place with the casino which is nearly 50% complete and is on schedule to be completed late November. The Tohono O'odham Nation on June filed a lawsuit in federal court asking for an injunction to allow the casino to open later this year. The suit names as defendants Gov. Doug Ducey, Arizona Attorney General Brnovich and Arizona Department of Gaming Director Bergin and was filed due to the Department of Gaming stating that they would not certify the casino which is a requirement to open. That hearing is scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup>. Road construction is scheduled to begin in mid-August and the Northern Ave. between Loop 101 and 91st Ave. will be reduced to one lane in each direction during construction hours. For safety reasons, improvements are being made to the intersection and roadway related to the construction of the West Valley Casino and could last up to three months.

Most of council will be attending the annual Arizona Local Cities in Tucson next week beginning Tuesday evening. Meetings will cover the full gamut of city issues from water conservation to transportation innovation, pension reform, working with the government, zoning/code enforcement, how to deal with marijuana legalization, and media relations. I'm looking for a couple of guest speakers on the subject of downtown strategies from around the country, community based

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## GLENDALE PUBLIC SAFETY

### Next Coffee with a Cop Gatherings:

- **Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00a Parson's Rest. - 5921 W Northern Ave.**
- **Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30p @Dillon's BBQ - 20585 N 59th Ave.**
- **Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> @ Mimi's Cafe - 7450 W. Bell Rd.**

### Hot Cars Can Kill

- Watch this public service video.

**Glendale Fire Department Deploys To Wildfires.** Glendale Firefighters have been sent to the River Complex Fire in Willow Creek, CA. A total of five have been sent to the fire and perform various support duties based on their credentials and qualifications within the U. S. Forest Service fire management group. Four of the team members are ranked as security and prevent unwanted access from civilians that may be in the firefighting area. One member is an equipment manager and is stationed at the base camp issuing necessary items for firefighting support.

- [Back to School Safety Video](#)

entrepreneurship, and business beyond the borders, i synergistic international strengths and opportunities for exports, and investment with Mexico and Canada.

*Councilmember Gary Sherwood*

## GLENDALE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**Back to School Tea event will collect school supplies /** something fun to celebrate the back-to-school season, and good cause! The Spicery in our 1895 Home will hold a Back to School Tea on Sunday, August 16 at 1 p.m. Enjoy a lovely three-course meal for \$23/adult or \$19/child; reservations are required. The event will also collect school supplies for Landmark School. The Spicery is located at 7141 N. 59th Ave. in downtown Glendale. For more information, call 623-937-6534.

**Glendale Police Department Shred Event.** The Glendale Police Department will be hosting a Shred Event on Saturday, October 16, from 8:00 - 11:00 AM. The event will take place in the southwest parking lot of the Target located at 10404 N. 43rd Ave. Glendale, AZ 85305. Please limit four (4) banker boxes per household. Due to the nature of the event, it may conclude once the trucks are full. For further information, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist, Doreen Anderson at 623-930-4044.

**Culinary Tasting.** Interested in taste testing? The Glendale Civic Center and Arizona Catering are hosting a facility tour and culinary tasting event on Thursday, August 20. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$5 a couple. The Glendale Civic Center is located at 4800 Glenn Drive. Reservations are required. To reserve your ticket, call 480-898-8848.

**Cardinals Training Camp.** Open practice sessions will be held from 2:00-4:30 p.m. starting on Saturday, August 1st and concluding on Friday, August 28. Located at the University of Phoenix Stadium, 4242 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305. The University of Phoenix Stadium will be hosting the Arizona Cardinals Football Club Training Camp. Admission and parking are both free for all fans attending practices at the stadium. For all info, visit:

<http://www.universityofphoenixstadium.com/events/view/id.11111>

**Teen Library Council Meetings.** The Velma Teague Branch Library is currently recruiting teens to provide input on the selection of new books and music for the library's teen collection and to participate in the planning and presentation of library events. Ages 12-18. Registration is required. Meetings are held on Thursdays, August 20 6:30 p.m.





**Glendale Splash Pads.** Cool off and have fun for FREE at Glendale's two splash pads! The location and hours of the pads are:

**Heroes Park Splash Pad** - 83rd Ave. & Berridge Ave., just north of Bethany Home Rd.).

\*\*\*May 23 - August 9: open daily from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

\*\*\*August 15 - September 7: open weekends only a.m.-6 p.m.

**Sycamore Grove Park Splash Pad** - 86th Lane & Rovey Parkway.

\*\*\*May 25 - September 7; open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

The Glendale Police Department is using Nextdoor to connect residents to promote stronger and safer neighborhoods. Nextdoor is not monitored 24/7. For emergencies call 9-1-1.

**Join NextDoor**



Get the latest information about what's happening in the Sahuaro District and the city of Glendale by visiting the Sahuaro District Weekly Update page.

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